



# DAVIS STREET FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

*helping others help themselves*

April 5, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

At the Davis Street Family Resource Center, we serve more than 11,000 individuals each year. We work to help low-income individuals improve their lives through both short and long term assistance and services that range from food shelves, medical care, mental health care, bilingual classes and counseling, and day care facilities.

I work with low-income individuals, families and couples on a daily basis and I see the struggles they encounter.

The unveiling of the National Broadband Plan was an exciting step in the right direction toward national broadband adoption. The benefits this plan could bring to communities like the ones my organization serves are endless and we are anxious to see the conceptual plans brought to life. There is a clear correlation between broadband adoption in low-income communities and increased success in education, jobs and general financial stability.

However, I am concerned about the way in which certain proposed regulations could affect the individuals I serve in a negative way. If unwarranted regulations are imposed on the Internet, the likely effects of that regulation will be either increased access prices or, even more troubling, the whole National Broadband Plan will fizzle out and go unrealized.

These scenarios distress me greatly because it will be my communities and my families who are affected most.

I sincerely hope you will consider the impact regulation will have on whether low-income families can indeed access the benefits of a broadband connection.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Davis Street Family Resource Center

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